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Home School Requirements

Independent Home Schools		
Requirements	Grades K-8	Grades 9-12
Parent's Education	H.S. Diploma or GED	Baccalaureate Degree or Waiver from Commissioner of Education
Registration	With local school system by Aug. 1st; \$20/week late fee from Aug. 1 to Sep. 1; superintendent may waive fee and deadline after Sep. 1st	With local school system by Aug. 1st; \$20/week late fee from Aug. 1st. to Sep. 1st; superintendent may waive fee and deadline after Sep. 1st
Curriculum	Not Mandated-Determined by parent	Parent must choose either College Prep or General; General must include subjects required for graduation; College prep must include subjects required for entrance to public universities
Attendance	4 hours per day 180 days per year	4 hours per day 180 days per year
Record Keeping and Reporting	Attendance Record sent to Superintendent at the end of the school year	Attendance Record sent to Superintendent at the end of the school year
Testing	In grades 5 and 7 same state board approved secure standardized tests required of public school students	In grade 9 same state board approved secure standardized tests required of public school students but NOT the high school proficiency test
Location and Cost of Testing	In the local public school which the student would otherwise attend at no charge OR by a professional testing service at parent's expense	In the local public school which the student would otherwise attend at no charge OR by a professional testing service at parent's expense
Test Sanctions	1 year or more below grade level for 2 years in a row, superintendent MAY req. parents to enroll child in public or private school (unless child is learning disabled)	1 yr. or more below grade level, for 2 years in a row, superintendent MAY req. parents to enroll child in public or private school (unless child is learning disabled)
Enter or Re-Enter Public or Approved Private School	Must be tested for grade placement	Must be tested in each subject for credit toward graduation
High School Diploma or Certificate of Attendance	None	None

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